

## Information for Holiday Programs at CRS

### Santa's Workshop

If you are interested in contributing to **Santa's Workshop** please call Amy at the CRS office (**440-224-4084**). The items we would like to have available for each child would be one coat, one age appropriate "wish" item (i.e. infant toy, Barbie doll, basketball/football, Legos, etc.) and one pair of pajamas. **Also, we are in great need of TEEN gifts this Holiday season! PLEASE no wrapping necessary!** We will have wrapping supplies available at **Santa's Workshop** for Mom and Dad to take home with them.

**We will be continuing our "Registry for Good" again this year. CRS and Walmart have once again collaborated to create a gift registry for our donors to shop for gifts for our families. Purchases made online at Walmart.com will be delivered directly to CRS and will be distributed at Santa's Workshop.**

The link to the website is [Walmart.com/Registry/Registry For Good](http://Walmart.com/Registry/Registry For Good). Scroll down to find "CRS Santa's Workshop-Holiday Assistance Program" to begin shopping.

### Family Baskets

Family Baskets are a great way to help in a practical way. You can use a reusable laundry basket (or other creative container) and your imagination to create any of the following:

- "Cleaning Basket" filled with household products;
- "Family Game Night Basket" filled with a board game, snacks, etc.;
- "Personal Hygiene Basket" filled with shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.;
- "Christmas Basket" filled with small decorations, stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, etc.;
- "Kitchen Basket" filled with kitchen towels, zip lock bags, foil, paper plates, etc.;
- "Towel Basket" filled with a new set of towels for a family of 4;
- "Baking Basket" filled with baking mixes, frosting, measuring cup/spoons, etc.;
- "Girl Basket" filled with shower gel, pony tail holders, lip gloss, nail polish, etc.;
- "Boy Basket" filled with sport socks, water bottle, flashlight, etc.;
- "Italian Night" filled with non-perishable groceries for spaghetti dinner.

These are only suggestions and while many of these items may not seem like something you would give for Christmas, they are very much appreciated and valuable to our CRS clients.

**\*\*Another way to help our families this Holiday season is to purchase a gift card to a LOCAL restaurant. Many of our LOCAL restaurants have continued to be negatively affected by COVID-19. This is a great way to help our clients and these businesses as well!**

**Fill the Gaps**

If you would like to contribute in a small but meaningful way, consider dropping off any item that we could use in Santa's Workshop for any one of the families we serve. Some items that families appreciate are a family movie, board game, or a book. **We are also looking for stocking stuffers for children 12 and under.**

**Be Santa to a Senior**

If you are interested in helping with seniors in our community, we have a list on our website ([www.aalcrs.org](http://www.aalcrs.org)) with some gift ideas or you can call **Peggy** at the CRS office, 440-933-5639.

**General Information**

- Holiday donations will be accepted weekdays from Monday, November 29th through Friday, December 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will also be available on Saturday, December 11th from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you need to make special arrangement to drop off before November 29<sup>th</sup>, please call Amy at 216-316-3216.
- All holiday donations should be dropped off at our **Christmas location-457 Avon Belden Road in Avon Lake. This is the same location as last year!**
- **NEW items only will be accepted** as Christmas gifts.
- Food/Pantry items **cannot be accepted** at Santa's Workshop-please take to CRS office.
- All of our programs respect the confidentiality of our clients and donors.

**\*\*\*COVID-19 PROCEDURES\*\*\* Please wear a mask at all times when dropping off your donation.**

**We cannot accept any donations after Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CRS AND THE FAMILIES WE SERVE!!**

### **Holiday Food Baskets**

All of our CRS families are given a Holiday Food Basket. If you would like, you can provide non-perishable food and a grocery store gift card for perishable items and a ham or turkey (suggested gift card amount is \$25.00). It is helpful if these groceries are packed in a reusable laundry basket. Remember, we cannot store non-perishable groceries. Baskets should be packed for a family of 4 to 6 people. Some suggested items for your basket are as follows:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Boxed Corn Bread
Canned Cranberries	Pie Filling, Pie Crust
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Boxed Stuffing
Cream Soups	Jar Gravy
Canned Fruit	Mac and Cheese
Jell-O/Pudding	Rice or other Side Dish

Please add the ingredients for anything you like to prepare with your holiday meal and the recipe if you would like.

Holiday Food Baskets will be distributed directly from the CRS office. **All baskets need to be delivered to the CRS office by Monday, December 6, 2021 between 10 AM and 2 PM.** If you need a different date or time, please call **Cece** at the CRS office 440-933-5639 and we will make other arrangements at your convenience.